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METHOD FOR THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION

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Sir:

The present paper is submitted together with Applicants' national stage application. The present application is a national stage application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2005/055363. The claims of the original PCT application were amended under Article 19 on 14 February 2006. The Article 19 claims form the basis for the present claims as amended herein. Entry of the presently submitted claims is respectfully requested prior to calculation of claims fees and prior to examination on the merits.